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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 9 and 32-34 to clarify the limitations of those claims. Applicants have also amended claims 6, 7 and 29 solely to correct minor, inadvertent, typographical errors without changing the scope of the claims. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims and drawings. No new matter is presented. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments prior to consideration of the application.

In the parent application, Serial No. 10/430,512, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5, 9, 15-18, 22, 24-27, 35, 39-42, 46, 48-51, 56, 60-63, 67 and 69-71 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Webster Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 5,626,136). The Examiner also rejected claims 2, 36 and 57 of the parent application under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Webster Jr. in view of Jaraczewski, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,938,694). In this application, however, independent claim 1 recites a "generally straight distal region distal the main region and comprising a tightly wound coil spring." Neither reference cited by the Examiner in the parent application discloses such a configuration. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 of the present application, and all claims dependent therefrom, are allowable.

In addition, independent claim 32 of the present application recite a first electrode positioned no more than 55° from the first end of the generally circular main region of the

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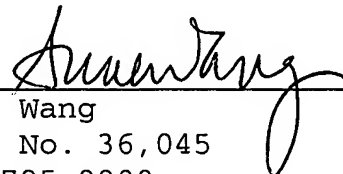
mapping assembly, and a second electrode positioned no more than about 55° from the second end of the generally circular main region of the mapping assembly. Similarly, independent claim 33 recites a first electrode positioned no more than about 48° from the first end of the generally circular main region of the mapping assembly, and a second electrode positioned no more than about 48° from the second end of the generally circular main region of the mapping assembly. Also, independent claim 34 recites a first electrode positioned at a distance ranging from about 15° to about 36° from the first end of the main region of the mapping assembly, and a second electrode positioned at a distance ranging from about 15° to about 36° from the second end of the main region of the mapping assembly. None of these configurations are disclosed in either reference cited by the Examiner in the parent application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 32-34, and all claims dependent therefrom, are allowable.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments prior to consideration of the present application. Also, in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of pending claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully

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request a timely indication of allowance. If there are any questions that can be addressed by telephone, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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